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Claim Amendments:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
maintaining, on a server for each of a plurality of computing systems, data
specifying which resources are authorized for the computing system;
receiving an identifier associated with a computing system and/or
computing system user;
using the received identifier to:
obtain corresponding data specifying authorized resources for the
computing system; and
interrogate the computing system to produce an assessment
indicating assessing existing hardware and/or software computing system
resources available on the computing system to develop an assessment;
and
comparing the authorized resources with the assessment utilizing the
assessment to identify one or more new resources authorized but not installed on
the computing system, including at least one of a new application, a software
update, configuration information, personal information, a configuration setting, or
a personal setting to enhance the operational capability of the computing system;
wherein the new application is not preinstalled on the computing system;
receiving the new application; and
automatically modifying the computing system resources based, at least in
part, on the assessment of the computing system resources by installing the new
application one or more identified resources.

1 2. **(Currently Amended)** A method according to claim 1, wherein
2 the computing system is provided to the user without the authorized resources
3 being preinstalled is a communications device.

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5 3. **(Original)** A method according to claim 1, wherein the identifier
6 associated with a computing system and/or computing system user is received
7 from the computing system.

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9 4. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 1, wherein
10 the identifier associated with the computing system and/or computing system user
11 is received from the computing system and/or a communications device associated
12 with the computing system user, wherein the communications device is not
13 coupled directly to the computing system.

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15 5. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 4, further
16 comprising:

17 automatically modifying system resources of the communications device
18 based, at least in part, on the assessment of the computing system resources.

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20 6. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 1, further
21 comprising :

22 selectively updating certain of the computing system resources based, at
23 least in part, on the comparison of the assessed computing system resources
24 against authorized and available computing system resources.

1 7. **(Original)** A method according to claim 1, wherein the computing
2 system is a communications device, the method further comprising:

3 assessing communications device resources;

4 comparing the assessed communications device resources against
5 authorized and available communications device resources; and

6 selectively installing, configuring and/or updating one or more
7 communications device resources based, at least in part, on the assessed
8 communications resources.

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10 8. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 1, wherein
11 the identifier is received from the computing system and/or a communications
12 device associated with the computing system user remote from the computing
13 system, the method further comprising:

14 automatically modifying communications device resources based, at least
15 in part, on an assessment of the communications device resources.

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17 9. **(Original)** A method according to claim 8, wherein the identifier
18 is one or more of a telephone number associated with the user, an electronic serial
19 number (ESN) of the communications device associated with the user, an
20 electronic identifier associated with the computing system, and/or a serial number
21 associated with one or more hardware and/or software resources of the computing
22 system.

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24 10. **(Original)** A method according to claim 1, wherein the identifier
25 is one or more of a telephone number associated with the user, an electronic serial

1 number (ESN) of a communications device associated with the user, an electronic
2 identifier associated with the computing system, and/or a serial number associated
3 with one or more hardware and/or software resources of the computing system.

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5 11. (Original) A storage medium comprising a plurality of executable
6 instructions which, when executed, implement a method according to claim 1.

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8 12. (Original) A server comprising:
9 a storage device having stored therein a plurality of executable instructions;
10 and

11 a control unit, coupled to the storage device, to execute at least a subset of
12 the plurality of executable instructions to implement a method according to claim
13 1.

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15 13. (Currently Amended) A server comprising:
16 a storage device to maintain a profile of personal resources specifying, for
17 each of a plurality of computing systems, which resources are authorized for the
18 computing system, including an application that is available to authorized users
19 and is missing from a computing system; and

20 a configuration agent, coupled to the storage device, to:
21 receive an identifier associated with a the computing system and/or
22 computing system user;

23 generate an assessment of the current resources of the computing
24 system;

1 identify, by comparing the assessment with the authorized resources,
2 one or more of the authorized resources which are missing from a computing
3 system ; and

4 automatically configure resources of the computing system to
5 include the identified resources ~~application based, at least in part, on an~~
6 ~~assessment of the resources of the computing system.~~

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8 14. **(Previously Presented)** A server according to claim 13, wherein
9 an assessment of the computing system resources comprises an assessment of at
10 least one of an operating system, configuration settings, personalization settings,
11 Internet settings or application settings on the computing system.

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13 15. **(Previously Presented)** A server according to claim 13, wherein
14 the profile includes a list of identifiers associated with authorized users and the
15 configuration agent accesses a user profile on the storage device based, at least in
16 part, on the identifier.

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18 16. **(Previously Presented)** A server according to claim 13, wherein
19 the configuration agent receives the identifier from the computing system and/or a
20 communications device remote from the computing system associated with the
21 computing system user.

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23 17. **(Previously Presented)** A server according to claim 16, wherein
24 the configuration agent further automatically modifies communications device
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1 resources based, at least in part, on an assessment of communications device
2 resources.

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4 18. **(Previously Presented)** A server according to claim 13, wherein
5 the configuration agent is further configured to update the computing system
6 resources.

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8 19. **(Original)** A server according to claim 13, wherein the identifier
9 is one or more of a telephone number associated with the user, an electronic serial
10 number (ESN) of a communications device associated with the user, an electronic
11 identifier associated with the computing system, a serial number associated with
12 one or more hardware and/or software resources of the computing system.

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14 20. **(Previously Presented)** A server according to claim 13, wherein
15 the storage device includes a plurality of executable instructions, the server further
16 comprising:

17 a controller, coupled to the storage device, to execute at least a subset of the
18 plurality of executable instructions to implement an instance of the configuration
19 agent.

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21 21. **(Currently Amended)** A storage medium comprising a plurality
22 of executable instructions including at least a subset of which that, when executed,
23 implement a configuration agent[[,]]to:

24 maintain, for each of a plurality of computing systems, data specifying
25 authorized resources for the computing system;

1 conduct an assessment of computing system resources upon receipt of an
2 identifier associated with the computing system and/or computing system user[[],]
3 and to:

4 identify, by comparing the assessment with corresponding data specifying
5 authorized resources, one or more of the authorized resources which are missing
6 from the computing system; and

7 automatically download and install on the computing system the missing
8 authorized resources ~~an application not preinstalled on the computing system, the~~
9 ~~application being associated with the received identifier based, at least in part, on~~
10 ~~the assessment of computing system resources.~~

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13 22. **(Previously Presented)** A storage medium according to claim 21,
14 wherein the configuration agent is further configured to update computing system
15 resources.

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17 23. **(Original)** A storage medium according to claim 21, wherein the
18 configuration agent interrogates the computing system upon receipt of the
19 identifier to assess computing system resources.

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21 24. **(Previously Presented)** A storage medium according to claim 23,
22 wherein the configuration agent modifies the computing system resources to
23 include available and authorized resources based, at least in part, on the
24 assessment of the computing system resources.

1 25. **(Original)** A storage medium according to claim 21, wherein the
2 computing system is a communications device.

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4 26. **(Previously Presented)** A storage medium according to claim 21,
5 wherein the identifier is received from a communications device remote from the
6 computing system, and wherein the configuration agent automatically modifies
7 computing system resources and communications device resources based, at least
8 in part, on assessment of system resources of the computing system and
9 communications device.

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11 27. **(Currently Amended)** A computing system comprising:
12 a storage device having stored thereon a plurality of executable
13 instructions;
14 a network interface, communicatively coupling the computing system to a
15 network; and
16 a controller, coupled to the storage device and the network interface, to
17 execute at least a subset of the plurality of executable instructions to make an
18 assessment of current hardware and/or software resources of the computing
19 system, and to implement a basic input/output system (BIOS) to issue a
20 configuration request to the network via the network interface, the configuration
21 request based on the assessment and including an identifier associated with the
22 computing system, wherein the configuration request is configured to cause a
23 recipient of the request to: ~~the assessment is not initiated by the computing system,~~
24 ~~and wherein the configuration request includes a request for an application not~~
25 ~~preinstalled on the computing system~~

1 reference the identifier to access corresponding data specifying
2 authorized resources associated by the identifier with the computing
3 system;

4 compare the assessment to the authorized resources to determine one
5 or more of the authorized resources missing from the computing system;
6 and

7 provide the missing authorized resources to the computing system
8 via the network.

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10 28. **(Original)** A computing system according to claim 27, wherein
11 the computing system is an unconfigured computing system.

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13 29. **(Previously Presented)** A computing system according to claim
14 27, wherein the controller receives one or more commands to receive and install
15 computing system resources from network devices remote from the computing
16 system via the network interface in response to the configuration request.

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18 30. **(Original)** A computing system according to claim 27, wherein
19 the identifier is associated with the computing system and/or computing system
20 user.

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22 31. **(Original)** A computing system according to claim 27, wherein
23 the computing system is a communications device.

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2 32. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

3 issuing a configuration request from a computing system, wherein the
4 configuration request includes an identifier associated with the computing system
5 and/or computing system user and is configured to cause a recipient of the request
6 to:

7 generate an assessment of the current computing system resources of
8 the computing system;

9 reference the identifier to access data specifying authorized
10 computing system resources associated by the identifier with the computing
11 system; and

12 compare the assessment to the authorized computing system
13 resources to determine one or more of the authorized computing system
14 resources missing from the computing system; and

15 receiving a response to the configuration request at the computing system,
16 the response including the one or more ~~new~~ computing system resources including
17 ~~an application not preinstalled~~ missing from the computing system, wherein the
18 one or more ~~new~~ computing system resources are automatically installed and
19 configured on the computing system ~~based, at least in part, on an assessment of~~
20 ~~current computing system resources of the computing system.~~

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22 33. (Original) A method according to claim 32, wherein the one or
23 more computing system resources are automatically installed and configured in
24 response to installation and configuration commands received from a remote
25 computing system.

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2 34. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 32,
3 wherein the computing system is a communications device.

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5 35. **(Original)** A method according to claim 34, wherein the one or
6 more system resources enable the communications device to communicate over an
7 additional communications medium.

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9 36. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 32,
10 wherein the configuration request is issued from a communications device remote
11 from the computing system associated with the computing system user, the
12 method further comprising:

13 receiving a response to the configuration request at the communications
14 device including one or more computing system resources, wherein the one or
15 more computing system resources are automatically installed and configured on
16 the computing system.